The Chatham Record

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LOCAL RECORDS.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS!

In order to enable subscribers to help pay their subscription we will allow each one fifty cents, who will send us two dollars for a new subscriber. Now, let every one try to get us a new subscriber and thus help to pay for his own paper. Politics—National, State and County, will make this year most exciting, and every man should read his county paper. This offer is open only until the first Monday in February.

What is the news from Maine? Both sides are making ready for a fight, but W. L. London is filling up his store with all kinds of goods. If you need anything give him a call.

Ladies, if you need any Glassware now is your time, for W. L. London is now opening a splendid stock at his cheap store. He is also receiving Crockery, Flower Jars, etc., to ornament your house or yard.

The Town Constable had the hands out yesterday working our streets, which were greatly in need of work. Nothing more attracts the attention of a visitor in any town than the condition of the streets and sidewalks, for they generally indicate the prosperity or the want of it, in a place.

Just received at Benton & Hayden's New Cheap Store—Clover, Orchard Grass, Timothy, and Herd Grass Seed.

All persons indebted to us are requested to call and settle their accounts.

Another lot of those elegant cigars, at Ayscue & Hayden's.

Married.

The many friends of our esteemed countryman, Hon. John M. Moring, will be pleased to learn that his wounded head has almost entirely healed, and that he was able to attend our Inferior Court this week.

A Good Appointment.

We are pleased to learn that B. F. Howard, Esq., has received the appointment of Government Storekeeper at Gilt in this District. His salary, we hear, will be twelve hundred dollars a year. If all the appointees of the government were as honest men as Mr. Howard there would be less stealing, and our people would not consider the Revenue business as disreputable.

Advance in Paper.

The paper on which newspapers are printed has advanced greatly in cost. We are paying now just twenty per cent more for our paper than last year, that is, where we then paid one dollar for paper we now pay one dollar and twenty cents. This is no fault of ours for we have not made any advance in price of subscription. We let our readers still have the Record at the same price, though the cost to us is so much greater. We hope they will appreciate this fact, and pay up promptly, and also help us by extending its circulation among their friends.

The Road Law.

The new road law, passed by the last Legislature, requires the Board of supervisors of each township in the State to meet on the first Monday of February, for the purpose of consulting on the condition of the roads, and to elect a chairman of their number. The same section makes it the duty of the supervisors to visit and personally examine all the roads in their township during the week preceding the meeting.

We presume that our Magistrates all know their duties, but still we would remind them of this requirement of the law.

Revenue Raid.

On the night of the 19th Deputy Collector, L. B. Pennington, accompanied by Thomas Wright, made a raid near our Village and captured about ten gallons of unstamped whiskey and a man named Edward Johnson, who lives near Bell's Ford, in this county. They came upon Johnson about 8 o'clock at night in the woods a mile from here, and caught him selling the whiskey to a crowd of negroes, and so completely surprised him that there was then no chance of escaping, though during the night he succeeded in giving them the slip and running away.

Mr. Pennington has his headquarters at this place, and seems determined to execute the law, and in doing so should receive the encouragement of all good citizens.

An Incendiary.

We mentioned in our last issue that an attempt had been made to burn the store of James F. Foister (five miles east of this place), but it is now known that he himself was the incendiary and attempted to burn the store. The store-house belonged to Joseph D. Brassington Esq, but was rented to Foister who kept a small stock of goods. In December Foister insured his goods and this attempt to burn was in order to get the insurance money, for it is now ascertained that he had removed and sold nearly all his stock.

Immediately after the incendiary attempt suspicion was excited against Foister, and he finally made a full confession of it to Messrs. Brassington, A. J. Griffin and W. T. Griffin, and seemed very penitent, declaring that he prayed to resist doing it and that hell was his portion. When the Sheriff went to arrest him, a warrant having been issued against him, he had run away, and has not yet been found. Heretofore Foister has borne a good character, is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and this infamous crime has excited great surprise and regret among his friends.

The Court Continued.

In pursuance of previous notice the Magistrates of this county assembled on Tuesday of court to take a vote upon the question of abolishing the Inferior Court.

The matter was discussed at some length, and was finally decided in favor of continuing the court by a large majority, the vote being 16 for and 5 against the court. We think this will be best for the county, for while the Inferior court cannot and does not accomplish all that is desired, yet it undoubtedly relieves the docket of the Superior court of many cases and thus affords a better opportunity for the trial of civil cases.

The Magistrates will meet again on Tuesday after the first Monday in May, at which meeting they will hold the biennial election of officers of the Court.

Advertising Humbugs.

Some one in Iowa [illegible] a Scotchman advertising, and when it published. We would do it because we think there is a kind of [illegible] kind of it, and [illegible] the Scotchman [illegible] Scotchman [illegible] —Carlisle Democrat.

We heartily endorse what is said by the level headed editor of the Charlotte Democrat. We received the same advertisement for insertion in the Record, with the promise of paying for it in a package of the corn. Of course we took no notice of it and threw it aside, for the party sending it was unknown to us and sent no references. We make it a rule to advertise for no man on a PROMISE TO PAY, unless he is known by us to be all right, so that proposals for advertising from unknown parties are seldom even read by us. Nor do we insert any advertisement that is sent us by responsible persons, especially if we have reason to believe it to be a humbug.

Old Chathamite.

Persons, who were born and raised in this county and afterwards removed to other places, all chuckle such a visit [illegible] towards Chatham, and THE CHATHAM RECORD takes pleasure in recording the names of those old Chathamites in their distant homes. Immediately after the late war quite a number of our young men sought their fortunes in the far West and among them was our esteemed townsman and old-time friend, John W. Hadley, who made his home in Grand Prairie, where he has been quite successful in business. In a private letter to the Editor, he thus speaks kindly of his old home: "I am proud that dear old Chatham has such an able newspaper, as the Record, established in her midst, and I look every week for its welcome visit. The Lord's will be done, but if my life and health are spared, I hope to visit my old home and friends in the spring of 1880. All the waters of Jordan cannot wash away my love for my native land. God bless the good old North State!"

The Inferior Court.

The semi-annual term of the Inferior Court of this county was held this week, beginning on Monday. The Justices were all present, Chief Justice Rives presiding with his usual dignity and urbanity, and Solicitor Womack winning fresh laurels as a most efficient prosecuting officer. Our esteemed friend, Luther Clark, was appointed foreman of the Grand Jury, and the duties of that body were clearly expounded by the Solicitor. The number of cases on the docket was 69, of which the following were the most important:

Giles Lutterloh was convicted of stealing a pair of shoes from a pauper at the county poor house, and sentenced to work two years on the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railway.

There were two cases against Nick Thompson, each for stealing cattle, in both of which he was convicted, and sentenced to work on the C. F. & Y. V. R. R. for the years from which an appeal was taken to the Superior Court.

Moses Upchurch was charged with the unnatural crime of incest with his daughter, but it being proven that the offence was committed previous to the passage of the Act by the last Legislature making it indictable, the prisoner was released.

James Hall was another defendant charged with the same crime, and was sentenced to two years.

The weather during the term was most delightful, and quite a large crowd was in town on Tuesday. Those escaping execution on quite extensively, and many trades made, in all of which both parties seemed delighted at the time of the bargain. The origin of the fine is unknown. Sentinel-Americus.

Rolling a Rock.

A bale of cotton was shipped from Wilson to Norfolk recently and there was found in the centre a stone about a foot and a half square by two feet and a half long, and it weighed between two hundred and fifty and three hundred pounds. At 12 cents per pound allowing that the rock weighed 275 pounds, it netting $33. Quite a sum for a rock.—Wilson Advance.

Railroad Subscription.

The vote on the subscription to the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railway in the townships of Saratown, Meadow, and Yadkin in Stokes county, took place last Saturday, and carried by overwhelming majorities in the two former, but was defeated in Yadkin. The amount asked for was $20,000 from the three townships, jointly, payable in installments, in three years.—Greensboro' Patriot.

New Hotel at Morehead.

There has been considerable interest shown here in the building of the new hotel at Morehead City, to take the place of the lost Atlantic. The new building will be a three story one, with a front of 220 feet, and two wings of 120 feet each, affording 150 large and comfortable bed rooms, besides the parlors, bath room and office rooms. The site selected is a beautiful one, and while offering every advantage formerly enjoyed by the old Atlantic House, is yet located far five feet above the highest water mark and fully protected against the most violent storm. The new house will be ready for occupancy by June 1st.—Observer

A Faithful Dog.

Old Mrs. Bolton died last week at the poor house in this county. She was a kindly old lady, did neighborly turns for the good ladies around, and her only property on earth was a little spotted dog. Superintendent Simpson vouches that this little dog followed the coffin and laid by her grave three days. So it seems Grandy she died a proper she left one friend to bind faithful unto death and three days after. It happened to be a dog of course.—Reidsville Times.

Dangerous Lunatic.

Yesterday morning the Chief of Police arrested an insane man, named Alfred King, and put him in jail. He had in his hand a [illegible] blade open and showed fight at first, but two others grasped him around both arms and in a second the [illegible] of his hand and he then submitted to go to jail very quietly. The night before he had attempted to kill one of the members of the family. He has been confined in an Asylum in Indiana once before and you can find there several articles. He is a dangerous lunatic.

Roxboro' Burned Up.

In a private letter of condolence comes of the destruction of the town of Roxboro', by fire, Sunday night. Every store in the place was burned, and a great portion of the town.

Roxboro' is in Person county, thirty miles from Hillsboro', and twenty-four from South Boston, on the Richmond and Danville Railroad. It is a small town, with a population of about 500. There are several tobacco factories and about a half dozen stores. The fire was caused by the burning of a kerosene lamp in a bedroom.—Observer.

Old Citizen Dead.

We regret to be called upon to announce the death of Col. John McRae, of Fayetteville, after a somewhat protracted illness, at the advanced age of about 87 years. He was a native of Scotland, a gentleman, and resided in Fayetteville for over or two years. He was formerly clerk of the Superior Court of Cumberland county, and a colonel in the militia of this county, for which he was long known. He was a Mason of high standing, and was buried by the Fayetteville Lodge of Masons. He died full of years and honors, and of the esteem and confidence of a large number of relatives and friends.—Wilmington Star.

The C. F. & Y. V. R. R.

A letter to the Wilmington Star says of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railway: "Many working Irishmen are on the ground. Those I interviewed in Chatham and Randolph counties are getting $1 per day and board. The contractors pay $1 per day for the hands, and the hands board themselves. We have 65 miles done on the Fayetteville end, and there are unfinished, between the two ends, about 70 miles, which we will complete by the 1st day of September, which will leave the entire track from Greensboro to the Gulf ready for the iron. I suppose we will then move our forces and begin the work from Greensboro to Mt. Airy. When that is done it will be the best North Carolina road in the State, and Wilmington will reap a harvest all the time."

The Power of Music.

Mr. Bolling, of Petersburg, Virginia, has a child of his with his mother, whom the child cries piercingly, and [illegible] now [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]